



U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., Chairman

<http://judiciary.house.gov/>

News Advisory

For immediate release
May 9, 2005

Contact: Jeff Lungren/Terry Shawn
202-225-2492

PATRIOT Act Oversight Hearing Tuesday

***Focus: Sections Pertaining to Civil Liberties Complaints
and Material Support to Terrorists***

What: Oversight Hearing entitled, “The Implementation of the USA-PATRIOT Act: Prohibition of Material Support to Terrorists and the DOJ Inspector General’s Report on Civil Liberties Violations under the USA-PATRIOT Act”

Who: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security - Rep. Howard Coble (R-N.C.), Chairman

When: 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Where: 2141 Rayburn Building

BACKGROUND...

- ✓ The USA-PATRIOT Act as well as the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 enhances current material support prohibitions which allows the government to pursue, investigate and prosecute terrorist supporters and their support networks in the early stages of terrorist planning.
- ✓ The USA-PATRIOT Act directs the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to compile and investigate any complaints of civil rights or civil liberties violations committed by DOJ employees.
- ✓ **To date, the DOJ Inspector General has found no civil rights or civil liberties abuses from the Justice Department’s use of the PATRIOT Act.**

WITNESSES: The Honorable Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice; The Honorable Gregory Katsas, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice; Mr. Barry Sabin, Chief, Counterterrorism Section for the Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice; and Mr. Ahilan T. Arulanantham, Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union.

#####